

WASHINGTON, D. C., JAN. 7, 1899

LONG before the Senate is offered opportunity to vote on the annexation treaty we will have had so much trouble with our foreign "subjects" that the country will be glad to call the deal off.

The Present War Inquiry

is a farce. The SENTINEL said from the first that it would be a farce. That was apparent from its inception. We will not have a war investigation until the numerous charges of corruption in the handling of war funds comes under consideration.

General Non Compos Watterson.

Watterson proposes Dewey and Lee and the flag as the next Democratic Presidential ticket. That ticket would be just as Democratic as Watterson himself. All the Democracy he had he lost at the last Presidential election, when he helped to carry Kentucky for McKinley.

All this shows that it will be easy with a large standing army and some prominent generals at its head to subvert the Democratic Republic. Sycophants like Watterson will always be plentiful.

Worse than Mormons!

Whilst we see our Puritans make a good deal of noise about the three wives of the Utah Congressmen, we think it proper and necessary to remind them that, if we annex the Philippines, we also add to our population about a million of Mahomedans, on the Island of Mindanao and especially the Sulu and other southern islands, who all believe in and practice polygamy.

If they learn that Congressman Roberts has been ousted on account of his three wives, will they not rush to arms and fight for their liberty and their numerous wives, against the intolerant and bigoted United States?

Gen. Wheeler

is to be pitied. The laurels he has gained in the new war completely obscure those won in the civil war. There is a law that no Congressman in fact, no one can hold two Federal offices. No Congressman can belong to McKinley and the Democratic party that elected him at the same time.

His abuse of Mr. Bailey and other Congressmen who still stick to the law and want him to resign one of the two offices—for both he cannot fill—will do him no good and will only aggravate his former friends.

He must resign his seat in Congress if he wants to be McKinley's and Alger's general. He will be under their command and orders as long as he wears their uniform. It is against the best interests of the Republic when military officers in active service are allowed to occupy seats in the legislative halls of the country.

CONGRESS, ATTENTION!

Military Despotism and War Against Foreign Countries.

The Paris treaty must first be ratified and the twenty million dollars paid over to Spain before Mr. McKinley receives the power, provided Congress agrees to it, to make a war of conquest upon the people of the Philippine Islands.

Now the President has ordered his soldiers to attack the Philippines in their own cities and compel them to surrender the latter and recognize the United States as their conquerors and masters. What right has Mr. McKinley to issue such orders? Who gave him authority to attack and conquer people who had done us no harm? Suppose Congress refuses to ratify the treaty, and Mr. McKinley should by his illegal orders have caused the loss of thousands of lives on both sides? Will that not be sufficient reason for impeachment?

Has our President more power than any European potentate? Can he make war upon a people whenever it suits him?

Congressmen and Senators, if there is any patriotism and common sense left in you, you ought to exercise your authority over the President and stop him in his unlawful and disastrous career?

How can Mr. McKinley issue a proclamation of surrender to the Philippines, as he has done, when not even the treaty has been ratified?

What right has he in an unlawful war of conquest to issue orders, the execution of which may cost hundreds and thousands of American lives?

Congress will commit a crime if it does not stop Mr. McKinley immediately in his despotic and unlawful career!

McKinley's Hypocrisy.

The proclamation of the President to the Philippines is a precious document of hypocrisy. Mr. McKinley promises all kinds of sweet things, including some self-government, for which latter the Philippines have been fighting the Spaniards for over 200 years. Now Mr. McKinley inwardly knows that expansion and annexation is for the benefit of the United States solely; that no self-government, for which the people of Cuba and the Philippines have been struggling so long, is to be extended to them, because Congress is too weak to curb the Administration.

Dewey used the Philippines to conquer Manila. Now McKinley tells the Philippines that the "reduction of that city and the surrender of the Spanish forces practically effected the conquest of the Philippine Islands and the suspension of Spanish sovereignty there." As outside of Manila the United States are incapable of holding any more of the 1,200 islands, that claim of McKinley's must naturally surprise the Islanders.

But those Philippines have smart leaders. Aguinaldo, kept out of his share of the conquest of Manila by Dewey, and seeing how the Cubans are being treated by the Americans, how their best generals and prominent men are ignominiously kept in the background and prevented from even the slightest participation in establishing Cuban self-government, has left the vicinity of the American spiders, and will not enter Mr. McKinley's nets. He may also be offended because he and his soldiers were refused entrance to Manila, because they were charged with being plunderers (though they have since shown that this was a baseless slander) on taking possession of Iloilo, where they kept the best of order. A similar reason was given last Sunday at the celebration at Havana, when the Cubans, though by right the most interested parties, were prevented from joining in the ceremonies attending the evacuation of Cuba by the Spaniards.

This hypocritical policy will do no good. Why not tell the Filipinos and Cubans that the Americans come as conquerors and will keep what they get, and have got, for themselves, and that they care not for the natives? Is this not so, Mr. McKinley? You cannot, and will not, deny it, if you are an honest man. Your expansion policy is a very mean piece of business.

But let those Cubans and Filipinos fight, and it will necessitate and give us a big standing army, so much needed by the plutocrats and syndicates of the United States. This alone explains Mr. McKinley's diabolical policy!

Dewey is a Great Man.

but he is not infallible. He has made one mistake. After smashing the Spanish fleet he should have sailed away from Manila Bay promptly, gloriously, and gayly. He has saddled upon us something of a responsibility for the Philippine Islands. We do not want it. We will find it a burden. They will cost us money. They will involve us in foreign embroglios and we may have to fight for them. Upon the reeking altar of "foreign influence" many thousands of healthy young lives have been sacrificed. Eight thousand miles of blue water intervene between San Francisco and Manila.

Our possession of these islands is a calamity, our retention of them will be a mistake.

Baltimore Brewers Combine

An Associated Press dispatch from Baltimore says seventeen of the brewing companies of that city have consolidated under the name of the Maryland Brewing Company, and negotiations are pending for the absorption of the remaining four. The new company will issue \$3,250,000 of common stock, \$3,250,000 of 6 per cent. preferred stock and \$1,500,000 of 6 per cent. first mortgage gold bonds. The former owners of the plants that have been merged will retain \$4,000,000 of the bonds, leaving \$3,500,000 to be sold.

Only a Sentiment.

MR. MCKINLEY'S statement that the time has arrived when Northern soldiers should assist in decorating the graves of Confederate dead was pretty—quite pretty. As, however, Confederate graves are all in the South and members of the G. A. R. are all in the North, chafing offices and pensions, the sentiment will amount to nothing more than a sentiment.

As We Understand It.

the protectionists of this country want to annex the Philippines, but they do not want the free trade with the Philippines which such annexation would inevitably bring. The protectionists would like to eat their cake and have it. In this respect protection infants do not differ from other infants.

Imperialism in Operation.

In a despatch to Gen. Otis on Jan. 1, Secretary Alger informed the American commander at Manila that—"President instructs giving the insurgents the assurance and informing them of the purpose of the Government, assuring them that while it will assert its sovereignty, its purpose is to give them a good government and security in their personal rights."

Another member of the Cabinet is reported by a Washington correspondent as saying of the Philippines—"They will be allowed all reasonable concessions, but they will not be given their independence, and they must recognize the sovereignty of the United States."

Mr. McKinley has surely progressed at a rapid rate since he said in his message to Congress that "forcible annexation would be criminal aggression."

In the protocol dictated by our Government to Spain the "disposition, government and control of the Philippines" was left to the decision of the Peace Commission. But when this question was reached our Commissioners, under the "guiding hand" of the President—as Judge Day confessed in his speech at Canton—presented what was practically an ultimatum for the cession of the entire archipelago.

This the Spanish were forced to concede, and then it was said that she entire subject of the "disposition, government and control" of the Philippines would be left to Congress. The President was represented by his friends and supporters as resolved to turn the whole matter over to the representatives of the people.

Yet now the Secretary of War conveys to Gen. Otis the President's "instruction" that our Government will "assert its sovereignty"—which it bought of Spain—and that its purpose is the paternal one of "giving good government" to the people—and at the cannon's mouth if necessary. And another member of the Cabinet states as a fact that the Filipinos "will not be given their independence," but "must recognize the sovereignty of the United States."

This is imperialism indeed! It has the true ring of despotic absolutism. The policy of the President, as gradually revealed, is to set up a military satrapy in the Philippines and ask Congress to provide for its support.

Will Congress be satisfied with this role? Will its members quietly consent to this usurpation of their prerogatives? How do they like imperialism in actual operation?

AT THE THEATRES.

Lew Dockstader was talking to an old time darkey who was polishing his shoes, and jokingly asked him: "Uncle, how is it that colored people have such a weakness for chicken and so many get into trouble over their desire to possess the toothsome fowl? The old man slowly straightened up and looking the genial comedian in the face deliberately pronounced his answer. 'Mister Lew, niggers aint got no more desire to eat chicken than white folks; only, if a nigger wants anything, he wants it powerful bad an' as a rule he generally gets it somehow. Most white folks got money to buy chickens, but a nigger aint. Same way 'bout gin, most white gemmen got de price to walk up to a furs class saloon bar an' say: 'Gih me de best drink ob gin in de house an' he gets it. Now, I can't do dat, 'cause I aint got de price,' and a smile stole quietly over the old man's face as he held out his hand. It is needless to say that Lew saw the point and paid for a big drink of 'throat polisher' for the old darkey.

Double Daily Service to and from Aiken, S. C.—Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway announces, effective November 6, 1898, double daily service between New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington and Aiken, S. C. Pullman sleeping cars and day coaches also dining car service in both directions on both trains. Trains leave Washington 12.15 p. m. and 10.45 p. m. Similar service to Augusta, Ga. Winter tourist tickets now on sale.

That much interest is centered in the engagement of John W. Albaugh Jr.'s Stock Company, from the Lyceum Theatre, Baltimore, at the Grand for five nights and two matinees, beginning next Tuesday night, is evidenced by the fact that the advance sale of tickets is progressing.

The company will leave Baltimore with a car load of special scenery on Tuesday morning, and will give every production in Washington with the same care and attention as to detail as has characterized all his productions in Baltimore. 'Jim the Penman' has just been chosen by popular vote of the patrons of Mr. Albaugh's Theatre in Baltimore, to be produced on January 16, it thus being decided that it was the most popular play presented by the company last season. It is a powerful drama, combining all the elements to make a successful play, strong plot, brilliant dialogue, clever comedy, and heart interest. No word of introduction is necessary for "The Senator," the bill for Wednesday night, as no play on the American stage is more famous, and no play is more particularly interesting to Washingtonians, who are so well acquainted with diplomatic and political life. "Moths," a very powerful dramatization of Ouida's novel, is an attractive bill for Thursday night, and it is said to be the best thing the stock company has done in Baltimore this season. The week will conclude with three performances of D'Emery's great drama, "The Two Orphans," a striking contrast to all the other plays of the repertoire, giving the company a chance to display its versatility. The advance sale of seats is being conducted at D'Emery's, 925 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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